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17th September, 1863.

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Hongkong, 10th September, 1863.

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The large GRANITE DOCK, 266 Feet Long on the blocks, with 19 to 21 Feet Water in the entrance at Spring Tides, and fitted with Caisson Gate and Steam Pumps, is in complete working order, and is well supplied with every description of materials.
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17th October, 1863.

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Vessels of 100 feet draught can go alongside the Pier at any state of the Tide.
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1600 Shanghai, 1st October, 1863.

DEPARTURE OF STEAMERS.
The "Tyne-mouth," leaves for Singapore, and Calcutta, to-morrow, at 2 P.M. Mails close at 1 P.M.
The "Chanticleer," leaves for Shanghai to-morrow, at 8 A.M. Mails close at 7.30 A.M.
Mails for H. M. S. "Pearl" close to-day at 5 P.M. for Singapore and the Cape of Good Hope.

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The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1864.

HONGKONG RACES.
We are requested to state that the "Grand Stand" are now ready for delivery, and Subscribers may have them by applying to the Honorary Treasurer at the Agra Bank.

Lewis' Hippodrome opened last night. The extensive arrangements required, were so complete and successful, as to reflect the highest credit on the management. How such an extensive troupe, and properties can be so quickly transported and delivered, and appear so quickly thereafter in good working order, is really astonishing. The variety of the performances, the talent and zeal of the troupe, the quality of the cattle, and the perpetual novelty of two capital clowns, combine to render the entertainment most excellent, and far better anything of the sort ever witnessed here.
The opening cavalcade, Mr. Christoff as the "Flying Voltaire," the "Three Graces," Acrobatic exercises, Mr. Smith as Massanello, Mrs. Cousins in a graceful act, Mr. Christoff on the tight rope, the antics of a beautifully trained pony, a *pas de deux* by Mrs. Yeaman, (a charming danseuse), the performances of a young equestrian named Burton on one horse and on four—formed part of last evening's entertainment. We enumerate these to give our readers an idea of the variety of the performances. Mr. Lewis, on previous occasions, having brought on Hermann and Raphael, the two best circus equestrians that ever lived, it can hardly be expected that the present company can shine so brightly that respect—but in all other respects it is infinitely superior to anything ever seen here before. Moreover the complete good management, and decorum displayed, entitle the hippodrome to become a favorite place of resort.
Mr. Lewis announced that he would be here for one month, and would perform every night.

At the Magistrate's Court yesterday, a Chinaman was charged with being concerned with others, five of whom were convicted at the last Criminal Sessions, in a Piracy off Chuen-Chow near Ningpo, on the 13th, of November last. The prisoner was captured on Sunday at Soey-kei-wan, at which time some women in the house were observed carrying various articles to an adjacent building, which on being searched was found to contain a Compass, Clock, Telescope (name of maker Mrs. Taylor, Minories London), and several other articles, evidently the proceeds of a Piracy committed on board a European vessel. The case was remanded until 10 o'clock on Wednesday (to-morrow) morning, in order that the police might make enquiries respecting the property found.

FROM THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, SATURDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1864.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Calendar of Grants of Probates, made under Ordinance No. 8 1860, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 26th January, 1864.

CALENDAR OF PROBATES AND ADMINISTRATION granted by the Court of Probate at Hongkong, during the year, 1863.

DATE OF GRANT, 1863.	NAME OF TESTATOR OR INTERSTATE.	PLACE AND TIME OF DEATH.	PROBATE, ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED, OR ADMINISTRATION.	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF RESIDUE, EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR.	VALUE OF THE EFFECTS AS SET FORTH IN THE COMMISSION OF APPRAISEMENT.
Jan. 16	Thomas Bernard Cahill,	Hongkong, 28th Decem- ber, 1863	Probate	John Cahill of Hongkong, the sole Legatee, Yong Ayoek, widow the relict,	\$400.00
" 21	Yeong Awoh,	At Sea about the end of Nov. 1862	Administration	Official Administrator,	435.35
" 24	William Henry Butcher,	Kulang, Formosa, 23rd Dec. 1862	Do.	George Holmes of Hongkong, one of the Executors, Archibald Campbell and Widdemar Schmidt of Hongkong two of the Executors,	6,100.00
Feb. 14	Henry Eustace Talbot,	Hongkong, 10th February, 1863	Probate	Jose Phillips de Costa, Son in law of the widow of the deceased of Hongkong,	121.23
" 25	Angus Fletcher,	Hastings, England, 3rd Dec. 1862	Do.	Poon Chuan She, of Hongkong, widow the relict,	553.39
April 18	Joseph Napoleon Boule,	Shanghai, 24th Mar. 1863	Administration with Will an- nexed	Official Administrator, Fang Awoh, brother of the deceased, of Hongkong,	1,343.25
May 8	Poon Aoi,	Hongkong, 10th Apr. 1863	Administration	Official Administrator, Anna Maria Wrenmore, the relict, Francis William Mitchell, of Hong- kong, one of the Executors,	500.00
June 5	Joseph Scott,	Do. 17th May 1863	Do.	Official Administrator,	27.53
" 30	Pang Ashong,	Sunang, Kwong Hoi, China 19th Aug. 1863	Do.	Official Administrator, M. M. A. de Souza, widow the relict, of Hongkong,	406.23
July 6	George Rogers,	Hongkong, 24th June 1863	Do.	Official Administrator, Arthur Sassoon and George A. F. Norris, two of the Executors,	82.68
Aug. 8	George Joseph Wrenmore,	Shanghai, 24th June 1863	Probate	Official Administrator, Elizabeth Low, widow the relict, Official Administrator,	881.58
" 10	Stephen Michael Carapet,	Hongkong, 31st July 1863	Probate	Official Administrator,	101.50
Sept. 3	Robert Sharp,	Do. 8th July 1863	Administration	Official Administrator, James Bailey Watson, one of the Executors,	322.68
" 4	George Holland,	Do. 20th July 1863	Do.	Official Administrator, Elizabeth Low, widow the relict, Official Administrator,	881.58
" 14	George Jackson,	Do. 10th Aug. 1863	Do.	Official Administrator,	101.50
" 15	Francis Howard,	Sutton Hill, near King- ston Surrey England, 10th Feb. 1861	Probate	Official Administrator, Arthur Sassoon and George A. F. Norris, two of the Executors,	82.68
" 18	John Buscoe,	Hongkong, 31st Aug. 1863	Do.	Official Administrator,	101.50
" 19	William Martin,	Do. 10th Sept. 1863	Administration	Official Administrator, James Bailey Watson, one of the Executors,	322.68
" 19	Parker Bradstreet,	Do. 10th Aug. 1863	Do.	Official Administrator,	881.58
" 21	H. Sheffield,	At Sea on board the ship Mary Ann Wilson, 21st May 1863	Do.	Official Administrator, James Bailey Watson, one of the Executors,	322.68
Oct. 12	Gustav A. Lowback,	Hongkong, 28th Sept. 1863	Administration	Official Administrator, Elizabeth Low, widow the relict, Official Administrator,	101.50
" 27	Oliver W. Bryant,	Hongkong, 8th Oct. 1863	Administration	Official Administrator, Elizabeth Low, widow the relict, Official Administrator,	101.50
Nov. 6	Robert Anderson Low,	Do. 31st Aug. 1863	Do.	Official Administrator,	101.50
Dec. 4	James Trubshaw,	Shanghai, 31st Oct. 1863	Do. with the Will annexed	Official Administrator, Arthur Sassoon and George A. F. Norris, two of the Executors,	82.68
" 7	Andrew Murray,	Hongkong, 24th Nov. 1863	Probate	Official Administrator,	101.50
" 18	Chetano Cyriaco de Souza,	Do. 29th Nov. 1863	Administration	Official Administrator, James Bailey Watson, one of the Executors,	322.68
" 31	William Henry Hunt,	Singapore, 28th Aug. 1863	Probate	Official Administrator,	101.50

N. R. MASSON,
Acting Registrar.

* This Administration is granted only until the Executors who are in England, can communicate their wishes.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Intestate Estates' Returns for the past Half-year are published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th January, 1864.

RETURN OF ESTATES OF INTERSTATE for the half-year ending the 31st December, 1863.

NAMES OF INTERSTATES.	AMOUNT RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF THE ESTATE.	DEDUCTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.	BALANCE ON CLOSING ACCOUNT.	DISPOSAL OF BALANCES.	TOTAL.
Joseph Scott,	\$422.69	\$93.07	\$358.72	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	\$358.72
George Holland,	202.36	48.00	244.30	Remaining in the Registry, 100.98	244.30
Robert Sharp,	20.23	3.80	16.43	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	16.43
George Rogers,	105.20	108.00	86.16	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	86.16
William Martin,	30.40	3.76	35.65	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	35.65
Parker Bradstreet,	32.73	21.98	10.75	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	10.75
Henry Montague,	36.00	6.37	29.63	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	29.63
Charles Watson,	62.85	7.02	64.91	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	64.91
Oliver W. Bry,	160.20	75.38	85.03	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	85.03
Gustav A. Lowback,	48.70	0.40	39.21	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	39.21
Poo Ahoo,	8.22	8.22	11.70	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	11.70
Joseph Green,	11.70	8.22	34.24	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	34.24
F. M. Griev,	309.65	274.81	28.00	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	28.00
Cho Ahnau,	68.40	68.40	28.00	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	28.00
Choe Choo Chai,	28.00	28.00	28.00	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	28.00
Thomas Duxley,	32.90	32.90	78.58	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	78.58
William Morrison,	100.00	23.40	1,292.18	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	1,292.18
Job Palmer,	1,292.50	3.62	2,843.28	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	2,843.28
David Simson,	2,843.28	15.89	19.83	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	19.83
William Henry Butcher,	15.89	1.33	4.64	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	4.64
B. B. Eccles,	19.83	1.33	19.33	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	19.33
David Robertson,	1.33	1.33	8.60	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	8.60
James Hopkins,	4.64	1.33	1.97	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	1.97
Alfred Reed,	19.33	1.33	30.26	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	30.26
Sidik Peer Mahomed,	8.60	1.33	9.02	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	9.02
Thomas Brown,	1.97	1.33	1.97	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	1.97
Charles Clarke,	30.26	1.33	1.97	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	1.97
Daniel Birkett,	1.97	1.33	1.97	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	1.97
Edward Bailey,	1.97	1.33	1.97	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	1.97
Philippe de Lagre,	1.97	1.33	1.97	Deposited in the Colonial Treasury, as residue,	1.97

* \$300.00 of this from the Colonial Treasury.

† This sum from the Colonial Treasury.

RETURNS OF BALANCES OF Estates deposited, as residue, in the Colonial Treasury by the Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court, as Official Administrator from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of December, 1863.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	DATE OF ADMINISTRATION.	AMOUNT.	DATE OF DEPOSIT.	REMARKS.
Henry Montague,	1862, Oct. 17,	1863, Nov. 28,	\$36.70	1863, Dec. 9,	
Charles Watson,	1862, Oct. 13,	1863, Nov. 28,	61.03	" 9,	
Thomas Brown,	1862, Apr. 23,	1863, May 17,	35	" 9,	
Edward Bailey,	1861, Nov. 8,	1862, Nov. 16,	7.70	" 9,	
Alfred Reed,	1862, Oct. 1,	1863, Nov. 21,	10.37	" 12,	
Choe Choo Chai,	1862, Jan. 10,	1863, Feb. 8,	29.05	" 12,	
William Palmer,	1861, Apr. 7,	1862, Dec. 28,	76.55	" 12,	
Job Palmer,	1846,	1862, Jan. 17,	1293.18	" 21,	Exact date of Death unknown

N. R. MASSON,
Acting Registrar & Official Administrator.

No. 22.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report of the Board of Education for 1863, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th January, 1864.

To His Excellency

WILLIAM THOMAS MERCEY, Esquire,
Acting Governor of Hongkong.

HONGKONG, 20th January, 1864.

1. The Board of Education, in presenting to Your Excellency their Annual Report of the state of the Government Free Day Schools in the Island of Hongkong, desire in the first place to make reference to some of the recommendations contained in their last Year's Report.

2. Among the measures then suggested for the improvement of the Schools they made prominent mention of the expediency of dis-continuing the four Government Schools in the small outlying villages of Sai-wan, Show-ke-wan, Shuk-O and Little Hongkong; and of employing the pecuniary means thus placed at their disposal in giving increased efficiency to the Schools in Victoria and its immediate vicinity.

3. They are happy to learn from the Reports of the English Head-master and Inspector, Mr. Stewart, that this measure has had the desired effect of awakening a spirit of healthy emulation among the Native School-masters, of promoting an increased attendance in most of the other Schools, and of causing a more general appreciation of the advantages of free education among the Chinese parents.

4. The School houses in the four villages from which the Government aid was thus withdrawn, were handed over under certain conditions free of rent and for Educational purposes only to the inhabitants, by whom they were gladly received. In the late Government School-house at Show-ke-wan a school is self-supporting and carried on independently of Government aid. The three other villages also engaged to elect and support a master in their respective Schools; but the Board are not in possession of facts sufficient to enable them to report on the efficiency of their present management.

5. The establishment of different gradations of rank and pay among the Government School-masters alluded to in the last Report of the Board, has also been carried into effect. The institution of two classes of School-masters has been attended with its expected advantages in raising the position and exciting the diligence of the Native teachers.

6. The Board cannot report any decided increase in the attendance of scholars, but they are gratified to find that the system of surveillance exercised over the masters and the additional security thereby afforded for the greater accuracy of the School-books. It is, however, a satisfactory result that after making allowances for the suppressed Schools and the reduced number in the Central School through the working of the new regulations, the aggregate number of enrolled Scholars has equalled and the actual attendance has even exceeded that of the preceding year.

7. The Girls' School in Victoria has greatly fluctuated in the number of Scholars, and the master has not given uniform satisfaction to the Board; but with increased surveillance better results may be expected.

8. The Central School, under the new system of management introduced in the beginning of the year and the efficient superintendence of Mr. Stewart, appears to be steadily growing in favour of the more respectable classes of Chinese. The system of payment introduced into the English department is working well. The whole sum received during the past year from the Scholars amounted to three hundred and eighty eight dollars.

9. The activity, order and discipline maintained in the daily routine of its management deserves also special notice and mention.

10. The Board learn, indirectly but with satisfaction, that Mr. Stewart's arduous duties are likely to be lightened by the early or rival of an Assistant English Master; by whose help the efficiency of the Central School is likely to be increased, and nearly a hundred new pupils may be admitted.

11. While on the one hand the Board are unable to report to Your Excellency that the aggregate attendance of scholars in the various Government Schools is at present adequate to the expectations which might have been formed; yet, on the other hand, they are able to state that in the more thoughtful returns of the daily attendance of scholars, and in the higher quality and tone of instruction conveyed they have reason for congratulation and grounds of encouragement.

12. A tabular statement of the comparative number of scholars in the various schools during the two past years is appended to this Report.

13. In conclusion the Board have much satisfaction in expressing their high sense of the able, zealous and successful services rendered by Mr. Stewart to the cause of Education in the Colony.

On behalf of the Board.

G. VICTORIA,
Chairman.

Comparative statement of Numbers and Attendance in the Government Schools for the Years 1862 and 1863.

Comparative statement of Numbers and Attendance in the Schools.									
SCHOOL.	1862.		1863.		SCHOOL.	1862.		1863.	
	No. enrolled.	Average attendance.	No. enrolled.	Average attendance.		No. enrolled.	Average attendance.	No. enrolled.	Average attendance.
Aberdeen,	32	17	27	15	Brought forward,	403	251	287	235
Bowington,	80	12	16	10	Stanley,	23	13	56	23
Central School,	200	150	140	137	Tung-lung-chow N. Do. P.	21	13	23	13
Girls' School,	24	23	24	20	Do. P.	12	60	72	65
Little Hongkong,	25	12	..	..	Taitam-Took,	18	7	..	..
Mah. Mosque,	24	11	30	23	Webster's Bazaar,	23	17	25	20
Salwan,	13	10	..	..	West end,	24	11	21	15
Shuk-o,	12	3	..	..	West Point,	54	40	56	40
Shuk-o-wan,	25	13	..	..	Wong-nai-chung,	23	13	25	16
Shue-ke-wan,	26	13	..	..	TOTALS,	653	424	405	406
Carried forward,	402	251	237	205					

* These Schools were discontinued in 1863.

No. 23.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Post Office Notification is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th January, 1864.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

With reference to the Post Office Notification of the 22nd August last which was published in the Government Gazette No. 34 on that date, it is hereby notified that henceforward the rates of postage on letters forwarded by the Vessels of the Messageries Impériales to Aden, Malva, Ceylon, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Pondicherry, Saigon, and Shanghai, will be 7d. per 1/2 ounce, instead of 8d. per 1/2 ounce as therein set forth.

General Post-Office, Hongkong, 26th January, 1864.

No. 24.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Whereas certain valuable trees (Thelecia Championii) have been wantonly destroyed in the neighbourhood of the Wong-chung Valley, it is hereby notified that

A REWARD OF FIFTY DOLLARS

will be given to any person who shall give such evidence as shall lead to the conviction of any person or persons concerned in such destruction.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th January, 1864.

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100 Hogheads PORTWINE, just landed ex "Le-
Apply to F. G. REED,
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BEST YORK HAM,
Sides of English Bacon,
Cured in bladder,
Butter, in jars and kegs, for family use.
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1863.

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PLATEFORM SCALES, assorted sizes,
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
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Iron and Brass Screws, Oilman's Stores, (sup-
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vices, Nightgowns and Telescope by Ross, Chan-
pagnat Wines, and Martell's, and Vinayra Pro-
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Prime York Hams, and Wiltshire Cheese
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N.B.—Sails made and repaired, and Goods re-
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500,000 Board, from 1 inch thick up to 1
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